

Born Again
1 Peter 1:1-9
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Our hope:

1) A Living Hope.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. **1 Peter 1:3**

This is an **active** hope.

This is a **truthful** hope.

This is more than just a decision, but it is an **ongoing** hope.

From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." They immediately left their nets and followed Him. **Matthew 4:17-20**

"When repentance and a call to holiness are absent from the gospel we proclaim, the carnal can comfortably dwell in the walls of Zion." ~ **Paul Washer**

If we have invited Jesus into our heart, praise the Lord! If that's the case though, our thoughts, desires and actions should be changing.

2) A Future Hope.

To an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you.

1 Peter 1:4

The word "inheritance" conveys that it was not ours. We did nothing to get it or receive it; it truly was a gift! We simply place our faith in Jesus; He did all the work.

In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory. **Ephesians 1:13-14**

3) Jesus, the Hope that keeps us.

Who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1:5

We are kept by God's love, grace and promises.

If "we" could keep our salvation, then we could "lose" our salvation.

For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day. **2 Timothy 1:12**

Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor

height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:37-39

4) We rejoice in this Hope.

In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials.

1 Peter 1:6

The Hope that is both living, (present), future and is kept by Jesus (this is spelled out in verses 3-5).

We do not rejoice because of the negative or the struggles in our life, but we rejoice because of Jesus, the current and future hope and Him keeping us. These truths do not change any circumstance we face.

This is what we rejoice in, Jesus Himself.

5) Godly Hope is strengthened in the fire.

That the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:7

A faith that cannot be tested cannot be trusted. There can be no victories without battles; there can be no peaks without valleys. ~ **Warren Wiersbe**

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

Romans 8:28

But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.

Genesis 50:20

Prayer Focus and Application:

- **Do I have “the” Hope of Jesus?**
- **Am I enjoying and basking in the Hope of Jesus?**
- **Am I trying to keep that Hope, or let Jesus keep it for me (keeping it Jesus Himself)?**
- **In this fire, can I trust and know that God is strengthening me?**